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BLOOMFIELD CITIZENS COUNCIL
AWARDS

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a number of Pittsburgh residents who will be honored on May 5th with Bloomfield Citizens Council Awards.

Every year, the Bloomfield Citizens Council gives out these awards to recognize members of the community who have, in some way, improved the quality of life in the Bloomfield neighborhood of Pittsburgh. I would like to take this opportunity to commend the 2001 award winners for their efforts to make Bloomfield a better place to live.

John Giancola has been selected as the 2001 recipient of the Mary Cercone Outstanding Citizen Award. This award is given to individuals who demonstrate "an unselfish commitment to others and a deep love for the community of Bloomfield." Mr. Giancola has been actively involved in volunteer activities

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like organized youth athletics and service to seniors. He has also served the Catholic Church, the Democratic Party, and the City of Pittsburgh.

A Community Commitment Award will go to Malfalda "Maffy" Giancola, who has served the community through her involvement with city government, the Catholic Church, and organized community activities for young people and seniors, as well as her operation of Maffy's Restaurant on Liberty Avenue.

An Extra Mile Award will be presented to Ron Flynn for his involvement in community sports for young people, his volunteer work for neighborhood festivals, and his advocacy for the rights of the physically challenged.

Charlie Oleniacz and Bill Reynolds will receive the Patriotism Award for their lifetime commitment to fellow veterans and their efforts to ensure that our Civil War veterans continue to receive the respect and reverence they deserve.

The Bloomfield Citizens Council will again present a number of awards for Christmas decorations this year. Lavern and Joe Manes will receive the Keeping Christ in Christmas Award for their Precious Moments Nativity

scene display. George and Eleanor Sciuillo will receive the Most Outstanding and Completely Decorated Home Award this year for decorations that warmly express the love they feel for their home and community. Tim and Leigh Ann LeDonne will receive the Most Illuminated and Elaborate Property Decoration Award for decorations that outline every story of their house, including windows, banisters, and surroundings. And finally, the Most Creative Design Award will be presented to Nancy and John Greegus for decorating their home, trees, and shrubbery with lights, caricatures, and wreaths. These four couples all helped bring the joy of the holiday season to their neighbors.

In closing, let me just say that all of the individuals receiving 2001 Bloomfield Citizens Council awards have made important contributions to the quality of life in Bloomfield. On behalf of the residents of Bloomfield and the rest of the 14th Congressional District, I thank them for their efforts and congratulate them on their selection as recipients of 2001 Bloomfield Citizens Council awards.

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